

REMARKS

Consideration of the present application is respectfully requested. The Examiner suggests that an election is required for pending claims 1-40.

Applicants respectfully submit that the preliminary amendment, filed on February 20, 2004, along with the present application, addresses the Examiner's election/restriction requirement. In that preliminary amendment, Applicants cancelled claims 1-31. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 32-40, currently pending in the present application, are drawn to a single specie, in accordance with the election restriction made in the grandfather application 08/855,105 and parent application 10/071,581 of the present case.

Applicants are enclosing a copy of the preliminary amendment, for the Examiner's review.

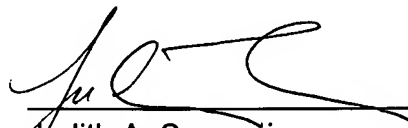
If a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Judith Szepesi at (408) 720-8300.

If there are any additional charges/credits, please charge/credit our deposit account no. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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